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Moscow wants reaffirmation of missile treaty

From Richard Owen, Moscow
Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday denied that the Soviet Union was developing space weapons...

Brazil cuts prepare way for IMF credit

Brasilia (NYT) - Brazil's new Government has announced a long-awaited package of austerity measures aimed at reducing inflation...

All Tamil rebel groups for Bhutan

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo
All five Tamil rebel groups and the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) will be represented at the talks...

British women ensure championship place

From a Bridge Correspondent, Salsomaggiore, Italy
Halfway through Wednesday night's match in the women's series of the European bridge championship...

Spirit of Independence



Miss Evie Largen, aged 85, dressed as the Statue of Liberty, turns out on a float from her nursing home in the Independence Day procession in Shawsville, Montgomery County, Virginia.

Light sentences for two doctors found guilty in Steve Biko case

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg
Eight years after the death in security police custody of Steve Biko, two doctors who treated him during the last week of his life were yesterday found guilty of serious misconduct...

Guatemala bars British human rights delegation

From John Carlin, Mexico City
A British delegation of MPs and unionists on a tour of Central America has been refused entry to Guatemala...

Dangerous toad ahead for drivers

Darwin (Reuter) - Voracious toads the size of dinner plates are "hitchhiking" across northern Australia...

ARE THE INCENTIVES OFFERED BY ADVERTISERS ALL THEY APPEAR TO BE?

In the past few years there's been a big growth in sales promotions. Normally these offer incentives, in cash or in kind, to encourage the public to buy a particular product...



WHEN IS THE CARROT ROTTEN? One case recently that came to our attention was the line 'Free £50 Holiday Money' displayed on the outside of a chocolate wrapper. It was only revealed on the inside you'd have to send off 25 wrappers to benefit...

Shares fall in wake of Spanish reshuffle

From Richard Wigg, Madrid
The six ministers of Spain's new Socialist Government...

With the Prime Minister insisting that there would be no change in the economic orthodoxy...

Senior Francisco Ordonez, the Minister of the Interior...

Senior Menon's opposition leader had the satisfaction of pointing out that the socialist government...

Senior Boyer's resignation was announced after the Prime Minister...

Shirts vs Comet

Leading astronomer says the comet will be visible to the naked eye...



THE ARTS

Britain files claim for Korea jet victims

Britain has filed a £2 million compensation claim with the United States...

Prague bars churchmen

Vienna (Reuters) - Czechoslovakia has barred foreign churchmen...

Police arrest 4,000 in Lima

Lima (Reuters) - Peruvian police arrested 4,000 people...

Palau elections

Koror, Palau (AFP) - Elections will be held in Palau...

Shultz tour

Washington - Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State...

Power contract

Ankara (AFP) - Turkey's nuclear consortium...

Czech gold

Prague (AFP) - Czech gold probes...

Melon scare

Los Angeles state officials watermelons...

Nautilus home

Crete (AFP) - The submarine world's vessel...

Okay to wiggle

Peking (AFP) - One's backs dancing...

CORRECTION

European Commission suggestion...

AIRLINES

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Radio Chatter, but no matter

Beginning as it does, at the thoroughly civilized hour of 11.15...

The programme's new presenter, Margo MacDonald...

The problem is that, while Miss MacDonald may well wish to give the programme a slightly tougher image...

Another series which made its return this week was When Houseswives had the Choice...

Brian Sibley

Opera Ariadne auf Naxos

Royal Opera House

Even the "richest man in Vienna" cannot engage Jessye Norman as his Ariadne for a whole run of performances...

The pity is that neither she nor Miss Norman have been matched with a Bacchus of comparable lustre...

Richard Morrison

Sea Finland

Finnish sailing through the ages...

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The Duchess of Malfi Lyttelton

The choice of this play to launch Ian McKellen and Edward Petherbridge's new National Theatre Group is both a safe option...

Whether or not you believe that what they have created justifies their choice...

There is an immediate and satisfying contrast between the well oiled, sometimes grotesquely stylized, attitudes of the courtiers...

Gallery Trésors de l'Islam Musée Rath, Geneva

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being figurative at all) is not to be counted as Islamic.

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Theatre Horror story of perverted logic



Ian McKellen's malcontent hireling

stage, or shepherding the ghost of the Duchess away after the final bloodbath...

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Television Jolly good for us all

Delia Smith once worked for a Fleet Street editor whose idea of cooking for himself was to sit in front of the television...

Like a no-nonsense nurse - "it's all very simple" - she briskly popped eggs into a haddock stock for a first course...

Who do we know with a television set? The Moon family were in the dismal process of separating...

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Portrait of Hajji Mirza Aqasi, from Iran

Nicholas Shakespeare

John Dexter takes part in the Buxton Festival for the first time when he directs Puccini's opera La tuona figliola...

Torvill & Dean THE WORLD TOUR ROYAL GALA CHARITY PERFORMANCE The Olympic Gold Medallists and World Ice Skating Champions in their first professional appearance in Great Britain will skate in the presence of HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES at WEMBLEY ARENA on TUESDAY, JULY 23rd, at 8 p.m. Seats at £50, £30 and £17.50. 10% Discount for bookings of 10 or more £50 seats. All tickets available from Keith Prowse Branches or Credit Card Service 01-741 5151 or The Wembley Arena Box Office (01-902 1234). All proceeds generously donated to the national charity HELP THE HOSPICES by the presenters Michael Linnet Ltd and Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.

SPORTING DIARY Simon Barnes

Not all his way

Most of us would back the Lord's gatesmen against anybody when it comes to devotion to duty...

The relentless Martina Navratilova is not normally regarded as the most appealing personality in top tennis...

Unclubbed

Royal St George's golf course at Sandwich, host to next month's Open, is going to quite splendid lengths to protect the wild orchids that grow on the links...

Desperate

The recent World Cup qualifying match between Brazil and Paraguay was marked by the pitch invasion of a football-obsessed teenager...

Truth will out...

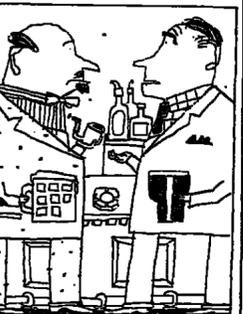
The question of being "timed out" in cricket is raised by J. K. Walters, chiding my assertion that no first-class cricketer has been dismissed in this way...

... or will it?

A letter in my pigeonhole this week reads as follows: "Simon Barnes is wrong to say that it was an innovation in 1980 that a batsman who did not step onto the field of play within two minutes was considered out..."

To my deep and lasting regret, I must point out that there has never been a Maharajah of Bengal, nor was any Major Blenkinsop obtainable at the telephone number given...

BARRY FANTONI



"Lend me a fiver, I backed McEneaney for Wimbledon and Labour for Brecon and Radnor"

Jump to it

We are still a month away from the National Hunt season and the first sighting shots of winter, but a horse named Tar's Hill attempted to take time by the forelock at Chestnut on Saturday...

Brecon's three-way signpost

David Butler sees hope for all parties in the latest by-election results

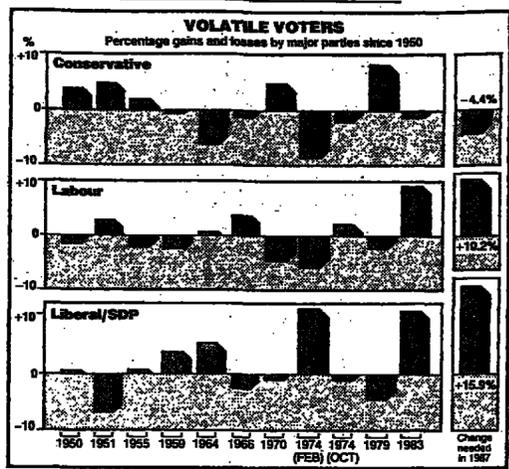


Table showing base against which analyses of change are, necessarily, made. Columns include Votes %, Seats, and various party performance metrics for Conservative, Labour, and Alliance.

improvement on its last election performance - something that neither major party has achieved for 40 years.

On average the percentages for each of the two larger parties have shifted only 3.4 per cent between successive elections...

To win a clear majority in the next election Labour needs a gain of at least 10.2 per cent over 1983...

But the future does not always resemble the past. Post-war was not present in earlier times...

Perhaps we are moving back to that era. The swings since 1970 have been twice as great as in 1945-70.

But to put Brecon and Radnor into perspective it may be as well to look again at Rochdale. In February 1983...

For Labour to get 38 per cent would require a 10 per cent improvement on its last election performance...

The author is a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

John O'Sullivan

How the KGB stays tuned

New York Imagine a KGB colonel in the Lubianka leafing idly through western magazines and thinking of his next project...

He has even invented the basic plot. If the nation could be persuaded to identify its fate with that of a large number of its nationals taken as hostages...

The nation would be shocked, horrified and frightened when ruthless and seemingly "irrational" hijackers seized hostages...

The colonel is sure that the project would succeed. It is based upon the solid theoretical foundation of the suggestibility of a modern television audience...

Only one snag continues to annoy him. How can he ensure that the television Iranian will cooperate?

He is still puzzled that night when he goes to a private KGB screening of the American film Network...

A fanciful notion? Of course. But it reflects reasonably accurately the American public's vicarious experience of being held hostage...

And while you are at it, you might as well cross the Pennines in a south-westerly direction to take a last look at Hereford Cathedral...

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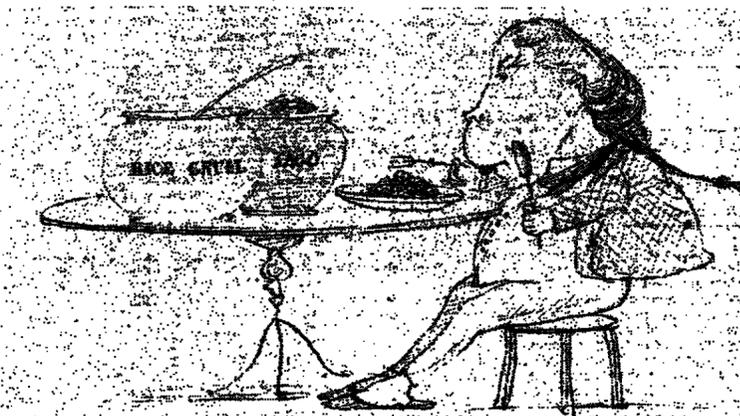
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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Lear - nonsense and much more

There was a sick man of Tobago / Liv'd long on rice-gruel and sago; / But at last his bliss / The physician said this - / 'To a roast leg of mutton you may go'.

No one could fail to name the poet the blend of perfect logic, surrealism, image and ingenious rhyme says Edward Lear to all who have ever spent half an hour with one of his Nonsense books...



The natural history section of the exhibition is fascinating quite apart from the fact that it is found in it. Though Lear was a most meticulous artist, counting all the feathers in a macaw's tail...

Lear spent most of his time travelling abroad, in a kind of self-imposed exile. What he was fleeing from is hard to tell, but he was plainly a man who needed loneliness even as he suffered from it...

The oils are the least successful part of his work: I would call them respectable Academy pictures if it were not for the fact that the Academy rejected them again and again...

Tennyson eventually wearied of Lear's facetiousness, which of the example given in the catalogue is typical, is not surprising: Tennyson having written two poems on farming, Lear suggested that if he did any more they should be published in a Farmeropia...

And what about replacements for the four oldest marshals? The startled Hu blurted out: "You don't know all our secrets: neither marshals nor senior generals will be installed..."

Lu Keng accused the general secretary of "suffering a very great loss in your image for a recent speech on the press demanding an 80-20 ratio between good and bad news..."

His statement was confirmed in London more recently by Premier Zhao Ziyang on the last day of his official visit...

Many Chinese will be relieved that "anti-party and anti-socialist" is going out of vogue, Chinese leaders' statements, even if impromptu, tend to lead to action...

Hu Yaobang has shown himself yet again to be one of the few Chinese leaders who need not ask for permission before he speaks...

Employing a mixture of deference and the third-degree, his interviewer, Lu Keng, extracted some remarkable disclosures...

writings combined with slovenliness, selfishness and morbid folly. But just as Lear is immortal for the Nonsense, so the visitor to the RA will make for the section illustrating it...

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Philip Howard

Sterne look that only pleases

I know that things are terrible, and that we should be gloomy. We keep on being told so by professional pessimists from the Pougadists of the New Right to the Robespierres of the Loony Left...

And they would be right. No doubt things are worthy of much improvement. They always have been, dear boy. But at least most things, except the quality of the politicians, are better for the ordinary man and woman than they were a century ago...

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
The Queen left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning to visit the Mariner Leisure Centre, Falkirk and the Scottish Police College, Kinross-on-Forth, Alloa.

The improbability of atheism

Faith in Christ as the Son of God is absurd without a prior conviction that God exists. Christianity wavers in the West because this prior belief is weak or non-existent. Arguments once believed to be proofs of God, are now accepted as not logically compelling.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Dave Allen, 49; Mr Vladimir Ashkenazy, 58; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Dick Caldwell, 76; the Dalai Lama, 50; Professor A. G. Dickens, 75; Mr Peter Glossop, 57; Lieutenant-General E. N. Goddard, 88; Mr Jeff King, 44; Sir Paul Mallinson, 68; Rear Admiral Sir Arthur Peck, 81; Miss Mary Peters, 46; the Right Rev Simon Phipps, 66; Major-General Sir Robert Pigot, 70.

Actor's memorial award for rose

The first annual James Mason Memorial gold medal for roses has been awarded to James Cocker and Sons of Aberdeen for their rose 'Silver Jubilee'.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. D. Bentley and Miss S. L. Williams
The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs David Bentley, of Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Penny Williams, of Pott Town, Oxford and Llanigon, Powys.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr J. H. Haslam, aged 50, Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, to be Assistant Commandant of the Police Staff College, Bramshill, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, on the retirement of Mr Bill Pullinger.

Latest wills

Large residue for Church Army
Mrs Kathleen Joan Heasman, of London, died testate, leaving a net estate valued at £448,711 net. After personal bequests she left two-thirds of the residue to the Church Army.

Services tomorrow

Fifth Sunday after Trinity
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.30 a.m. Evensong. 7.30 p.m. Evensong. 9.15 p.m. Evensong.

University news

Professor Byron E. Shafer, associate professor in Political Science, Florida State University, has been appointed first holder of the Andrew W. Mellon Professorship of the American Government at the university.

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Cambridge Tripos: medical sciences

Medical Sciences Tripos
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OBITUARY

DR W. A. VISSER 't HOOFT

Early champion of church unity

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Science report

US switches to lasers for enriched uranium

After one of the most remarkable competitions in the field of science and technology, the United States Government has chosen to develop a method of using lasers for producing enriched uranium. The project, which will cost over \$1,500 million, comes after a request last year by the US Department of Energy for proposals for a new generation of enrichment plants.

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centrifuge process has been proposed in Europe and is producing commercial supplies of enriched uranium. The European development was conceived as a second-generation technology at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell in Oxfordshire, and was performed as an industrial process in a joint venture between British Nuclear Fuels, with Dutch and German partners. Two large centrifuge plants are in operation: one at Capenhurst, Cheshire and the other, at Almelo, in the Netherlands.

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gasous diffusion, which was invented in the 1940s for developing the atomic bomb. The greatest challenge at that time was to produce the fuel needed for such a weapon by extracting uranium 235, which occurs in its amounts of the natural uranium stream 238. Only 0.7 per cent of natural uranium contains the uranium 235 isotope. Separating that tiny amount from the uranium 238 is extremely difficult because they are identical chemically and have almost the same physical properties.

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Advertisement for 'Stitch' fabric, featuring a large 'S' and 'ch' logo, and text about '10-day mon' and 'Open 10 am - 6.30'.

July 6 - 12, 1985

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

# Steeple chasing

England's 17,000 parish churches are a treasury of architecture and a vital source of social history.

Nigel Andrew goes on a church "crawl" to sample their scale and variety

It is market day in Olney. The pleasant little Buckinghamshire town is unusually busy, and parking is a problem. But never mind that: we are here for the church. And it certainly can't be missed. As you approach Olney, the great steeple is visible from far away, and in the town it seems to follow you around, suddenly appearing over every rooftop and round every corner. The setting of this church, at the very end of the town in meadowland beside the river Ouse is wonderful. Conveniently close to the M1, it is a good starting point for a day's church-crawl.

Church-crawling - visiting churches for pleasure - is among the most popular English pastimes. It is also one of the least publicized and, happily, least organized. Anyone can do it, almost anytime, almost anywhere. According to a report by the English Tourist Board, *English Churches and Visitors* (£6.50), around 10 million visits to churches are made every year - and it is amazing the figure is not higher, when you consider the riches on offer. There are almost 17,000 parish churches in England, more than 11,000 of which are listed buildings; and of these some 3,000 are rated Grade A or equivalent. Even to see all the medieval churches would, at the unlikely rate of one a day, take nearly 30 years!

But the bare statistics cannot convey the sheer variety and abundance of interest. The English Tourist Board has carried out research into which features most attract visitors to churches, and they are, in descending order - monuments, architecture, glass, towers, fonts, associations with people, brasses, and the setting. One of the most irresistible combinations is a picturesque setting and strong associations with a poet - as at Wordsworth's Grasmere, Gray's Stoke Poges, and indeed Cowper's Olney. For it was here that William Cowper lived and wrote, and collaborated with the Rector, John Newton, the man who wrote "Amazing Grace", as a notice in the church reminds us. The next church on the route is, by contrast, unspoiled and full of atmosphere - Clifton Reynes, a lovely little building in a small village, and chock-a-block with good monuments. The building is rather an architectural jigsaw - and that

too can be part of the charm of church-crawling. The expert can tease out the chronology, while novices can simply enjoy the feel of centuries of change and continuity. Visiting churches can be done on an entirely casual basis. Just drive, or cycle, or walk, and see what turns up for wherever you are in the country, you are bound to be quite near something good. If you are in Somerset, you will be surrounded by superb towers. In Devon exquisite screens, in Northamptonshire beautiful spires, in Suffolk and across the Cotswolds the wealth of the great "wool churches", in Norfolk and Lincolnshire fine churches in unparalleled profusion. Be warned though: you may end up addicted, unable to pass a church without dropping in.

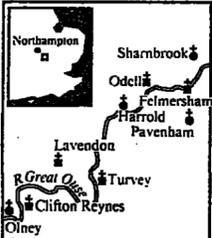
But for today, in the Ouse valley, we are on a systematic crawl, and next stop is Turvey, a big and impressive church, part of which is 1,000 years old. It has a magnificent array of tombs and effigies, fascinating to examine. One long-dead knight rests his head on a helmet gashed by a war-wound and crested with a screaming man; another lies with his feet curiously balanced on the tips of his spurs.

Turvey also has a splendid medieval painting of the Crucifixion - described by *The Times* in 1933 as "the finest painting of its subject and time in the country". The cutting, has been framed and hung on a wall. Medieval churches were full of such paintings: indeed every surface had some kind of colour on it. Walls, inside and out, were rendered and whitewashed (or colour-washed), and paintings and decorative patterning covered the whole interior in colour. With the ravages of time, the vandalism of the puritan tendency, and the "scraping" activities of the Victorians, who insisted on bare stone - little of this colour remains.

We call in at the pub in Turvey - this too is all part of the fun. Church-crawling and pub-crawling go remarkably well together (licensing hours permitting) - and this for good historical reasons. There was always an ale-house close to the church, because ale was needed at festival times. But it is time to move on to the next church,



Reflective mood: Olney church with its great steeple, a single soaring vertical in peaceful landscape



Church-crawl: Nigel Andrew's route through the Ouse valley

Pavenham. And here we encounter for the first time a familiar obstacle: a locked church door. There is now a ritual to be gone through. First you look under the mat, then under the old flower vase and behind the notices, then in every nook and cranny of the porch, and finally you realize that one of the notices tells you who to collect the key from. Whether you search out the key depends on how promising the church seems, and how much time you have.

It is all too easy to write about churches without so much as mentioning what is, after all, their framework, the Christian religion. In some cases this is forgivable: many 18th-century churches, for example, are entirely lacking in spirituality. But when you encounter a church like Felmersham - the next on our itinerary - you are forcibly reminded that the aim of the medieval builders was, quite simply, to bring men to their knees. This near-perfect building in the Early English style - the first of the Gothic, pointed-arched idioms - is unmistakably a house of God, the sort of building in which you can only surrender to the totality and gasp.

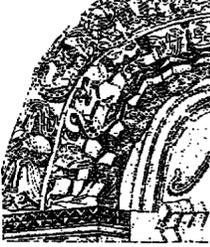
The west front is probably the most beautiful of any parish church. And this, aptly enough, is the only building where we find living evidence of the continuity of parish life. Here is a local lady doing the flowers for a wedding. The bridesmaids are in mauve - a difficult colour", she says.

After Felmersham, the rest is bound to be an anti-climax - and besides we are running out of time. This is always a problem with the pre-planned church-crawl: there is just too much to see. Sharnbrook has its tower encased in scaffolding. Odell is locked. Harrold we overshoot and, turning back, find a rather dull interior. Along the valley then to Lavendon, a handsome old church with herringbone patterns visible in the stonework of the tower, said to be early 11th-century. The trouble is that, by this stage of a church-crawl - especially if it is tightly organized - you are beginning to suffer a surfeit. You become a touch blasé and ungrateful. Beginner, please note - do not tackle too many churches in one day.

But then we are heading back towards the glorious spire of Olney, a single soaring vertical in the wide landscape. Church-crawling: a large part of the pleasure of living in England.



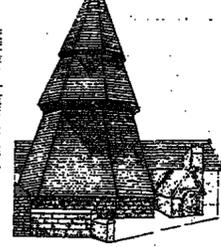
Ashbourne, Derbyshire (St Oswald): Monument to the child Penelope Boothby, sculpted in 1793



Kilpeck, Herefordshire (St Mary & St David): Wonderful example of a late Norman village church. The sumptuous carvings have lasted exceptionally well



Brixworth, Northamptonshire (All Saints): Big and impressive early Saxon building (c680) with Roman bricks (pictured above) re-used around the arches



Brookland, Kent (St Augustine): An eccentric jumble which escaped Victorian restoration. Two unique features: the 12th-century lead font and (above) the detached bellry

## In the footsteps of the master

Bridget Cherry edits the *Buildings of England* series - those volumes which will probably always be known as "Pevsners", after Sir Nikolaus, their founding editor. (Somehow "Cherries" doesn't have the same ring.) Churches are, of course, a huge part of the contents. Bridget Cherry's own interest in them goes back to her teens, when she would cycle round the parishes of Oxfordshire. Later she studied history at Oxford, and English Romanesque architecture at the Courtauld Institute in London, and then started helping with revisions of "Pevsner".



Taking notes: Bridget Cherry at St Mary's, Lambeth

I talked to her in the 17th-century garden of St Mary's, Lambeth, a medieval London church which was saved from demolition in the late 1970s. It is now a Museum of Garden History and a permanent memorial to the Tradescants, the great gardeners whose parish church it was. To Bridget Cherry, St Mary's is a classic case of the salutary effects of a demolition threat: suddenly everyone realizes what historical riches are at risk. There are probably hundreds of other churches of equal interest. She sees churches as, first and foremost, "tangible history" - buildings which express in a nutshell whole centuries of changing tastes and aspirations. She is also fascinated by their paradoxical nature: "Churches seem to be about two contradictory things - the whole business of time and change, and the yearning for something outside all that".

For those just beginning to take an interest in churches, Bridget Cherry has two suggestions. One is to try "pursuing an interest in one particular period or style or a particular feature such as monuments or glass". The other is to take one church and study it in its setting, to use the building and its monuments to read the social history of its parish. This should help to bring those stones alive - just as the *Buildings of England* have been doing since 1951.

### GOOD GUIDES

With church-crawling it is best to plan ahead with suitable maps and book. For serious church-crawling on foot you will need the Ordnance Survey 1:25 000 Pathfinder series, and the following books: *The Buildings of England* (Penguin) edited by the late Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, and now by Bridget Cherry. Unique in describing every noteworthy building in England, county by county. Collins' *Guide to English Parish Churches* edited by the late Sir John Betjeman (£5.95). A selective list, arranged by counties. Nicholson's *Guide to English Churches Essentially a tourist guide, covering some 850 churches, with touring maps, car parking information* (£5.95). *The Beauty of English Churches* by Lawrence E. Jones, (Constable £5.95). Usefully arranged by feature, rather than place or date. *English Parish Churches* Photographs by Edwin Smith, text by Graham Hudson and Olive Cook (Thames & Hudson £3.95). Good solid history. *English Parish Churches as Works of Art* by Alec Clifton-Taylor (Batsford £9.95). Authoritative, entertaining and opinionated survey, copiously illustrated.

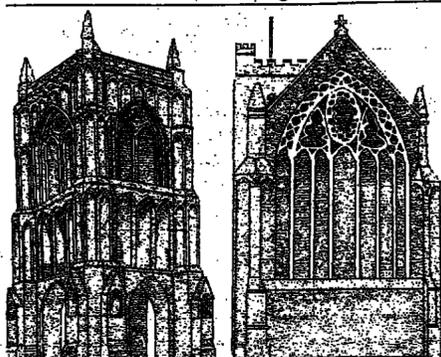
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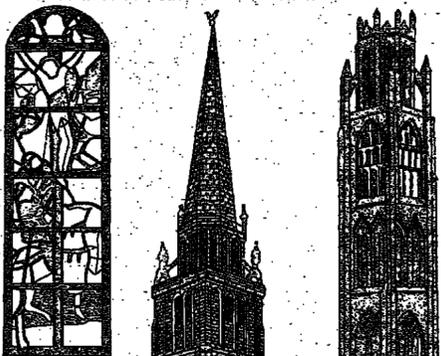
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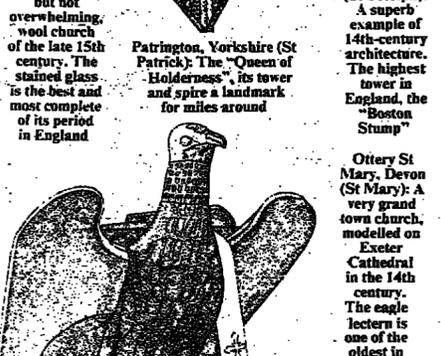
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Face of change: anoraks and alcohol now mix with reindeer skins and horns as the 20th century and tourism gradually encroach on Swedish Lapland



Spain investigates charter bookings

The Spanish Government has started a clamp-down on charter flights carrying "seat only" passengers who have arranged their own holiday accommodation. It claims a breach of internationally agreed regulations which lay down that accommodation must be included in the price of a charter package.

Investigators have recently been carrying out spot checks at Spanish airports and in some cases where returning holiday-makers have been unable to produce their accommodation vouchers, the airline or tour operator has been fined up to 10,000 pesetas (about £45) per infringement.

European tour operators say they might accept a quota of 25 per cent "seat only" passengers on flights to Spain but the Spanish authorities are adamant that a complete ban will be enforced from the start of the winter season in November. British tour operators maintain that they are sticking to the legal requirements by offering either extremely basic dormitory accommodation or a "property letting agreement" under which the holidaymaker pays a nominal £1 for use of a villa or apartment.

Flight fears lifted Fears that holiday charter flights might be forced to switch from Gatwick to Stansted under the Government's new airport policy have been allayed by the Civil Aviation Authority. The CAA points out that 8.2 million international charter passengers passed through Gatwick last year and says it is unrealistic to believe that this demand "can be channelled neatly to another airport simply in order to make a convenient arrangement for scheduled carriers and airport owners".

Winter blanket A guarantee against holiday surcharges caused by currency fluctuations has been given by Thomas Cook Holidays for its 1985-86 winter and winter-sports programmes. But the company reserves the right to pass on in full any cost increase caused by changes in the price of oil.

Florida shuttle Poundstretcher, one of British Airways' tour-operating subsidiaries, is offering all Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester passengers booking a holiday from its Florida Without Cash programme a free domestic flight to connect with their scheduled BA flight from Heathrow.

Philip Ray

The last wilderness of Arctic Europe

Leslie Gardiner explores northern Sweden in search of the traditionally nomadic Lapps, but finds their way of life is disappearing fast

Then, 200 miles from the sea, you hear a ship's siren. A big passenger vessel crosses the lake. At the far end you come to a port, a lido and the first of a chain of hydro-electric stations. We flew from Stockholm to Kiruna on the cheap flight, £42 for a round trip of 1,200 miles. It is one of the world's greatest cities - in area. And it has one of the world's biggest mines, producing iron ore. In summer, the local tourist association runs subterranean coach tours through the mine, which has not only a road system but also rail networks, repair shops, cafes and restaurants for workers and tourists.

Lapland. Avid for winter sports, long-distance hiking and nude bathing in mineral pools, Swedes enthusiastically embrace the last wilderness. Adventurous people - like Lena - strap the "kitchen" on their backs and head north from Kiruna, 100 miles on difficult trails to Pallasstugan, Kummavuopio and Keinoavuopio on the three-nations frontier where Norway, Sweden and Finland meet. Maybe in these ancestral homelands they come across the odd Lapp, almost wholly dependent on reindeer for food, shelter, clothing and domestic needs, sustaining a pure and unbroken tradition, leading as Linnaeus the botanist reported "the easiest and happiest of lives".

Lapp girls herd reindeer and drive fast cars

Within Kiruna "town" - 20 miles from the main population centre - we saw the transmitters, radio-telescopes and parabolic antennae of the Scandinavian space project, a geophysical research institute, a rocket-launching site, a satellite-tracking station and a glaciological survey centre. This is the fascination of Swedish Lapland: wild landscapes supporting advanced technology, the latest in scientific development cheek by jowl with a primeval lifestyle. So wonder young Lapp girls are equally at home herding reindeer and driving fast cars.

Pristine in beauty and tranquillity

A first time visitor might settle for Jokkmokk, which is rather more than a large village, lying on the Arctic Circle, in a quiet, watered mountainland halfway between Gällivare and Arvidsjaur. It looks out on yet another of the riverine inland seas of northern Sweden, pristine in beauty and tranquillity. Its hotels are almost surrealistically new. You can rent cabins, tents and chalets along a 70-mile-long lake shore. The municipal museum was recently enriched with the best of all Lapp collections - sheds, huts, skin tents furnished with the paraphernalia of the nomads from reindeer cloaks and rugs to reindeer-horn carvings, ornaments and utensils. Hardly surprising that the Lapp language (which is cousin to Finnish and Magyar) defines "reindeer" with more than 200 nouns.

How to stay healthy on your summer break

Holidays are one of the 30 most stressful events in life, and half the people who spend them abroad fall ill. Isabel Walker suggests how to minimize the risks

According to psychologist John Nicholson, holidays are potentially stressful precisely because they represent such a departure from the norm. He recommends you minimize the strain of your big summer break by building up to it with a succession of mini-holidays (long weekends and odd days off) so blurring the contrast between work and leisure.

Health precautions If you are travelling outside northern Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand or to areas where sanitation is primitive, you may need vaccination against cholera, typhoid, polio, yellow fever, tetanus or infectious hepatitis. The latest recommendations are set out in the Department of Health leaflet SA35, *Protect Your Health Abroad*, available from travel agents and social security offices (make sure you get an up-to-date copy). It is best to organize vaccinations well in advance since some take weeks to be fully effective. But a last-minute visit to your doctor or one of the medical centres at Heathrow or Gatwick is better than nothing. Check that your children are up to date with their routine jabs.

Facing the sun

It is recognized that sunlight has a tonic effect and also enhances libido. But much misery, including sunburn, headaches, dehydration, fainting and, in extreme cases, heat exhaustion, is caused by over-enthusiastic exposure to a hotter-than-usual sun. Too much unprotected exposure can also lead to premature ageing of the skin and even skin cancer which can be fatal. The best advice is to avoid long periods in the sun, but if you are determined to sunbathe take the following precautions. Prepare yourself by sunbathing beforehand, or by using an ultra violet lamp or a cream which stimulates the production of protective melanin.

Food and drink

Eat unfamiliar delicacies in moderation for the first few days. Holiday diarrhoea can be caused by over-indulgence, aggravated by alcohol and too much sun, or by eating infected food. For optimum safety in hot countries drink only pasteurized or sterilized milk and eat only wrapped and labelled butter and cheese. Peel all fruit and avoid salads and uncooked vegetables in areas where the water supply is suspect. Eat all vegetables, meat, poultry and fish - especially shellfish - well-cooked and served hot, and avoid cold meat and buffets. Bewary of food, drink and ice cream sold by street vendors.

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Reynolds: the good, the bad and indifferent

FILMS ON TV

Burt Reynolds is a superstar who has never been considered much of an actor. During the 1970s he was one of Hollywood's most bankable box-office attractions...

Reynolds himself believes that he is a better and more varied actor than he has been given credit for. He was particularly annoyed at not being chosen to play the lead role in the highly acclaimed 'The Long Walk Home'...

Instead he has had to make do with being a sex-symbol in the first male nude centrefold of Playboy, a subject of constant amatory gossip, and a popular chat-show guest and host, and he has been branded with the reputation for playing much the same part in almost every film - the nonchalant, wryly humorous, tough-guy with a self-deprecating manner...

TELEVISION

There are thought to be 70,000 heroin addicts in Britain and the popular belief is that they are all beyond the pale. However, Central Television's 'Kicking the Habit' (TV, Tuesday, 10.30-11.30pm) goes a long way to lay low the myth that addiction is incurable...

CONCERTS

ST ALBANS FESTIVAL: To open St Albans International Organ Festival... CLAUDE VIVIER: Almeida Festival continues its Claude Vivier retrospective with the UK premiere of his 'Jesus Erbarme Dich'...

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA: Tonight sees the opening of a revival of the Royal Opera's 'Macbeth' in Elphinstone's production... GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: The new production by Peter Hall of Britten's 'Albert Herring' has just opened at Glyndebourne...

DANCE

DANCE DAYS: Battersea Arts Centre presents its festival of alternative dance until July 14 with a mixture of ethnic dance, youth dance, jazz, humour and event... ROYAL BALLET: Continuing its (comparatively) low-price season...

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**DANCE** DUAL ROLE: Natalia Makarova the leading ballerina of the day, has two entirely different roles on the London stage next week...



**GALLERIES** LONE VOICE: William Roberts (1895-1980) was an artist whose art attacked with merciless wit the writers he felt misrepresented his art...



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**OPENINGS** DESTINY: Partly rewritten for this revival, David Edgar's award-winning political play spans 30 years from 1947 to the mid-70s rise of right-wing extremists...

**OUT OF TOWN** MANCHESTER: *Who's a Lucky Boy?* by Alan Price. Based on Hogarth's *The Rake's Progress*...

**FILMS** PRAVDA: David Hare and Howard Brenton's near-the-knuckle account of the rise of a ruthless colonial newspaper magnate...

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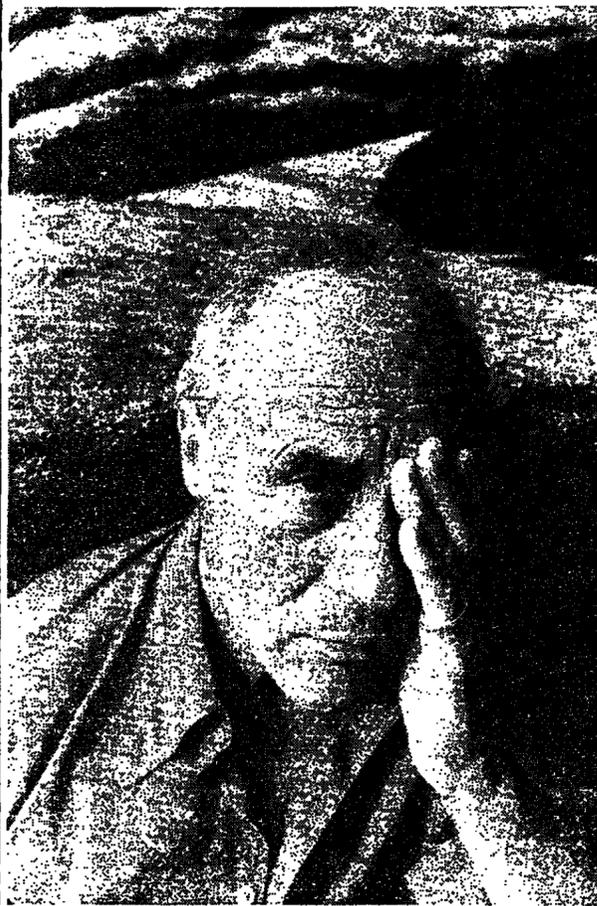
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Sharp eye on the painter's craft



Patrick Heron talks to Sarah Jane Checkland about his abstracted approach to painting

For many of his 65 years, Patrick Heron has been sitting in his studio doing nothing but staring at the walls. At one point he used to go home in the evening and his wife Delia would ask: "Have you found the right colour for that space yet?" and he would answer "No". When Heron does lift his brush it is to "whip up" his compositions with one hurried, hurried movement. Sometimes he crushes Pentel nibs as he goes. "I'm deliberately underdeliberate", he says. "Almost thinking of something else".

ARTS DIARY

All right on the night?

There will be quite a few red faces when an exhibition of posters entitled "Broadway Flops" opens on July 24 at the Dress Circle Gallery, Monmouth Street, London. They include *Va Va Gata*, which was conceived and directed by Sir Peter Hall (it ran for eight performances); *Miss Moll*, the musical version of *The Corn is Green*, which though it featured Bette Davis, closed after previews and before the official first night *Dance a Little Closer*, written by Alan J. Lerner and starring his wife Liz Robertson which quickly became known on Broadway as "Close a Little Closer" and lasted one night. Quite a hit by comparison was Lerner's *Carnegie* which had 17 performances. Other unlucky stars include Diana Rigg, Angela Lansbury, Richard Chamberlain and Lillian Gish: it will be interesting to see how many will come to the opening.

In the picture

Royal photographer Cecil Beaton's relationship with the exclusive screen star Greta Garbo went rather further than has hitherto been revealed. In his authorized biography of Beaton, published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson on July 25, Hugo Vickers quotes Truman Capote as saying that Beaton was one of the few men to put too fine a point on it. Vickers says, she used him for his body. Among Beaton's other lovers, apparently, were Adele Astaire, sister of Fred, and the actress Coral Browne.

Wait for it

Yet again it seems we are destined not to have a Peter Brook production on the British stage. Having been deprived of his *Carmen* and *The Cherry Orchard* we may well not see his epic three-part adaptation of the Indian Bible, *The Mahabharata*. The first part of his nine-hour production, *Le Partie de Des*, opens at the Avignon Festival tomorrow and will go on tour to Copenhagen, Madrid and Frankfurt before opening on November 8 at Peter Brook's Paris theatre, Les Bouffes du Nord.

Family affair

Talk about a mafia. The playwright Ronald Harwood who is cousin to actor Antony Sher, has a son also called Antony who commissioned and edited Sher's book *The Year of the King for Chatto & Windus*. Meanwhile Harwood's daughter Catherine who runs the Art Show Gallery in Fulham, has been in charge of mounting Sher's oils and drawings from the book at the Barbican Gallery (almost all of which have sold out).

Advertisement for 'A BRILLIANT FILM' 'The Shooting Party' by BBC Kaleidoscope. A Geoff Beeve production. James Mason, Edward Fox. Now at Curzon Mayfair.

Advertisement for 'BOOKINGS' 'FIRST CHANCE' 'LAST CHANCE' 'MALTING PROMS' 'GLC SOUTH BANK SUMMER MUSIC' 'MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS'.

Advertisement for 'PATRICK HERON' exhibition at Tate Gallery. Includes text about his abstracted approach to painting and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Bonn to a fifth Lufthansa' by Our City Services. Includes text about German Airlines and flight services.

Advertisement for 'Bartlett' and other services. Includes text about 'The statement made by the Board of Reserve Bank of Australia' and 'The Australian Film Institute'.



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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson Trust share placing ends in recriminations

By Derek Pain and Jeremy Warner

The record \$519 million Hanson Trust cash-raising exercise ended in controversy and recrimination yesterday.

On Thursday it had looked as though 80 per cent of the ordinary share element of the rights issue had been taken up...

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GREENHILL RESOURCES: The directors are now taking steps towards obtaining a listing on the Stock Exchange.

SCOTTISH & MERCANTILE INVESTMENT: Year to March 31, Final dividend 10.5p (15.7p) making 14p (17.7p) in total.

HOWARD MACHINERY: Agreement in principle has been reached regarding the sale of the main part of Howard Machinery's overseas agricultural machinery subsidiary.

ALEXANDER RUSSELL: Year to March 31, Final 0.94p, making 1.33p (1.11p). Figures in £000. Turnover 22,322 (£5,374).

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Long, hard slog and no promises for Thorn

The advertising hoarding outside the St Martins theatre, opposite Thorn EMIs London headquarters, proudly proclaims: 'Even more thrilling than the plot is the atmosphere of shuddering suspense.'

While Inmos may be dismissed as an expensive high-tech folly, the problems at Ferguson and in the music division challenge the viability of some of the company's traditional businesses.

Thorn had promised that its results would be disappointing. The promise was kept and pre-tax profits were down from £156.8 million to £108.3 million.

The austerity measures announced by the Brazilian government are intended to narrow its budget deficit from 3.1 to 2.1 per cent of gross national product by the end of the year.

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Edited by Lorna Bourke

FAMILY MONEY/1

Red tape cuts to free the BES funds

The Department of Trade is speeding up the procedures for getting Business Expansion Schemes off the ground by doing away with the requirement to notify the department.

"The new system will mean that fund managers will find it easier to set up and promote new funds, but investors will continue to receive the protection to which they are entitled," said Alex Fletcher, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs.

Under a general permission granted by the Secretary of State, fund managers will, from July 10, be required to notify the department only when they intend promoting a new fund. Thereafter, the managers and professional intermediaries will be free to distribute the fund prospectus in the public.

Until now, the department has pro-vented BES fund prospectuses but the procedure will now stop. The drawback is that there will be no central record of all funds and companies. Fund managers will still need to seek individual approval for funds from the Inland Revenue.

Companies seeking Revenue approval will be dealt with in local tax offices, but the Revenue is not expected to curtail the approvals on a national basis.

More big earners - and a warning on mortgage rates

Recent offers from the building societies have shown an increase in high-earning term shares aimed at attracting more stable investments. This week's offer of 11.1 per cent, net of basic rate tax, on the Coventry Building Society's new Three Year Bond is a good example.

It is an attractive offer, giving a guaranteed 2.85 points above the normal share rate on a minimum £1,000 investment. Investors can take annual interest, or a monthly income, and access to the funds is available at 90 days notice, during which no interest is earned.

Similarly the Cheshunt's Special 4 Term Share Issue is offering 11 per cent on investments of more than £20,000, and 10.75 per cent between £5,000 and £20,000 on similar terms.

Other good offers this week include Coventry's Money-maker account, offering instant access and a sliding scale of interest rates from 8.42 per cent on £1,000 and under, to the top rate of 10.75 per cent for investments of more than £20,000. Derbyshire's Crown shares, at 10.75 per cent and an option for monthly income on higher balances, and Skipton Building Society's 10.5 per cent if you can match its £10,000 minimum for the Sovereign Share account.

In announcing the increase in the Skipton Sovereign share rate, Terry Adams, general manager, echoed the warning given a few weeks ago by the Alliance that "leapfrogging" will have to stop if higher mortgage rates are to be avoided.

The rise and rise of house prices

Abbey National's regular survey reports a house price surge in the second quarter of this year, while

Anglia's half-yearly review predicts a sharp upturn next year. Anglia's publication, *Housing Market 1985 - The First Six Months*, indicates a rise of 8.3 per cent since January, and expects a 10 per cent rise for the whole year, followed by a sharper rise in 1986. Anglia's report lists rising incomes, and land prices, as well as the new round of council house resales as likely contributors to the 1986 increase.



Tony Stoughton-Harris: 'Dangers of spiralling land prices'

"Another conspicuous trend," says Tony Stoughton-Harris, chief general manager, "is the increasing number of higher density housing projects being undertaken, which have driven up the cost of land in some quarters almost to the point where, in the short term, it outpaces the houses to be built."

Norwich 'roadshows' Norwich Union is taking its campaign against unrealistic future projections on conventional life assurance policies to the country. In a series of regional 'roadshows', Hugh Scurfield, Norwich Union's general manager and actuary,

will put the company's case to brokers and the press. Since last year Norwich Union has taken a strong line against the custom adopted by life companies and their brokers of selling with-profit policies on the basis of future expectations founded on beneficial investment conditions which are highly unlikely to last for the whole period of the policies. The only realistic way for a company to tell prospective clients what they can expect from a policy is to quote past performance, says Norwich Union. That, at least, is certain as it has already happened and is not a guess at future events as projections tend to be. Norwich Union's own past investment performance has been among the best and the company would come out well from the abolition of future projections.

Citibank cut Citibank Savings has reduced its mortgage rates. While its small loans, £15,001 to £24,999, are charged at 14.75 per cent - higher than most of the top building societies and high street banks - its rate of 13.95 per cent on £25,000 to £49,999, is bettered only by the Nationwide, the Woolwich and the banks. Only Lloyds, National Westminster and the Midland can match Citibank's 13.5 per cent for home loans of more than £50,000.

Just the ticket The Midland Bank's student package for 1985-86 offers new customers the choice of £5 cash or cassette tapes to the value of £5 and other, more orthodox benefits. Probably the most useful item offered is a free National Express Student Coach Card which entitles students to claim discounts of a third or more off most coach fares. But Midland is also offering the (now standard) preferential interest rate on negotiated overdrafts, as well as free banking and the usual cheque and cash card facilities that accompany a current account. Graduate loans of up to £500 are also available at only one point above base rate, with repayments tailored to suit earning potential.

Aid for pensioners Pensioners wishing to arrange a home annuity to provide more income in retirement can find out more at the Senior Shoppers' Fair at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, from July 17 to 20. Hinton & Wild, specialists in home income plans, accompanied by pensioners who have benefited from mortgage annuity schemes, will answer questions and offer advice. "Many elderly home-owners are living under extremely difficult financial conditions when, through a home income plan, they can considerably ease the burden", said Cecil Hinton, of Hinton & Wild. Details: Hinton & Wild Insurance (01-390 4666).

Insurers unite A new trade association has been established for insurance companies, replacing the old British Insurance Association. The Life Offices Association and other bodies representing different sectors of the market. The new Association of British Insurers represents about 400 companies transacting more than 90 per cent of the worldwide business of Britain's insurance companies. Our members are convinced that in the interests of the market and its millions of policyholders the time has now come for a single powerful body to represent it to Government, MPs and the media, said Brian Corby, the association's first chairman. The association's headquarters is Alderman House, Queen Street, London EC4 (01-248 4477).

Switching over National Westminster Bank is to switch mortgages over £30,000 into the MIRAS system (Mortgage Interest Relief at Source) by April 1986 - a year earlier than required by the Inland Revenue. This will be particularly advantageous to self-employed borrowers, who will get tax relief on the first £30,000 of their

mortgage on a monthly basis rather than having to wait until the end of the tax year.

Open books Building societies are being required to give information to the Inland Revenue about their investors in the way the high street banks have had to do for years. From April 1986 societies will have to tell the Inland Revenue about all interest paid or credited to investors when the amount involved exceeds £2,000 in any one year. At present the banks are required to give such information when the interest amount exceeds a mere £400.

The £2,000 limit for building societies has been set only for the year 1986-87. The eventual aim is to bring the limit for them and the banks into line. The Inland Revenue uses the information it gathers this way to check people's tax returns.

School fees loan The National Westminster Bank's school fees loan scheme is proving predictably popular among parents who have made no previous provision to meet escalating private school costs. Since NatWest launched the scheme in conjunction with the Independent Schools Information Society (ISIS) last February, it has lent £1.2 million and has received applications for a total £3 million. The loans made so far have gone to 75 families borrowing an average of £15,000 to pay for five years' of schooling.

The loans are made at the relatively attractive rate of 2.5 per cent above NatWest's base rate - subject to a minimum of 10.5 per cent. The banks will lend up to 70 per cent of the value of the security. A house, for example, is acceptable, but the existing mortgage commitment to be deducted from its value when considering it for the loan. The total amount must not exceed two-and-a-half times the parent's annual salary.

The loans are designed to pay fees or a five-year period. But the whole amount does not have to be taken at once and can be drawn in instalments each year as required which saves on interest payments on amounts taken out later.

£6 voucher bait

National Westminster is adding further bait to attract young people starting their first job to open a current account with the bank. Anyone under 20 and just starting his or her first full-time employment will be given a £6 voucher to spend on clothes when they open an account.

The voucher is only valid if spent at Top Shop or Top Man and is only available before the end of October on receipt of the client's first salary cheque in the new account.



'I'm afraid that a sudden premonition of inherent wealth doesn't constitute sufficient grounds for a loan, Mr Hinchcliffe'

9.25% return

Guaranteed income bonds paying more than 9 per cent net of basic rate tax are on offer from New Direction Finance. The return ranges from 9.25 per cent for a one-year guaranteed income bond to 9.4 per cent if you are prepared to commit your money for five years. Full details from New Direction Finance, 10 Harpenden Road, St Albans, Herts AL3 5AB (Tel 0727 36351).

A cloudy June for investment

The old investment adage was a month out this year as far as investors backing the London market were concerned. They certainly would have been well advised to sell in June and go away. Poor results from a number of electrical companies and a substantial line of corporate rights issues dragged the FT Actuaries All-Share index down 6 per cent last month.

Reflecting the general setback, only four trusts out of more than 300 sticking to British stocks managed any rise in June. Three of these were recent launches, Laurentian Growth and two income funds from the new Sun Life unit trust stable. There is, clearly an advantage in holding cash in a falling market.

At the other extreme, a number of trusts registered falls of 10 per cent or more. The worst casualties were Lloyds' Life Equity and three "special situations" funds run by Gartmore, Atken Hume and Oppenheimer.

Technology stocks were also to blame considerably for the setback on Wall Street. A gloomy report from IBM on its third quarter prospects saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 16 points in a day, its biggest setback for six months. But the relapse proved to be temporary only. Better news on the economy saw the index comfortably back through 1,300 to end the month at a new all-time peak.

About two-thirds of the US invested funds marked up a gain in June - the best performance from Montagu US Special Income with a 4.4 per cent increase. Kleinwort Benson American Growth and Govett American Income shared the runners-up position with a 3.3 per cent offer price rise.

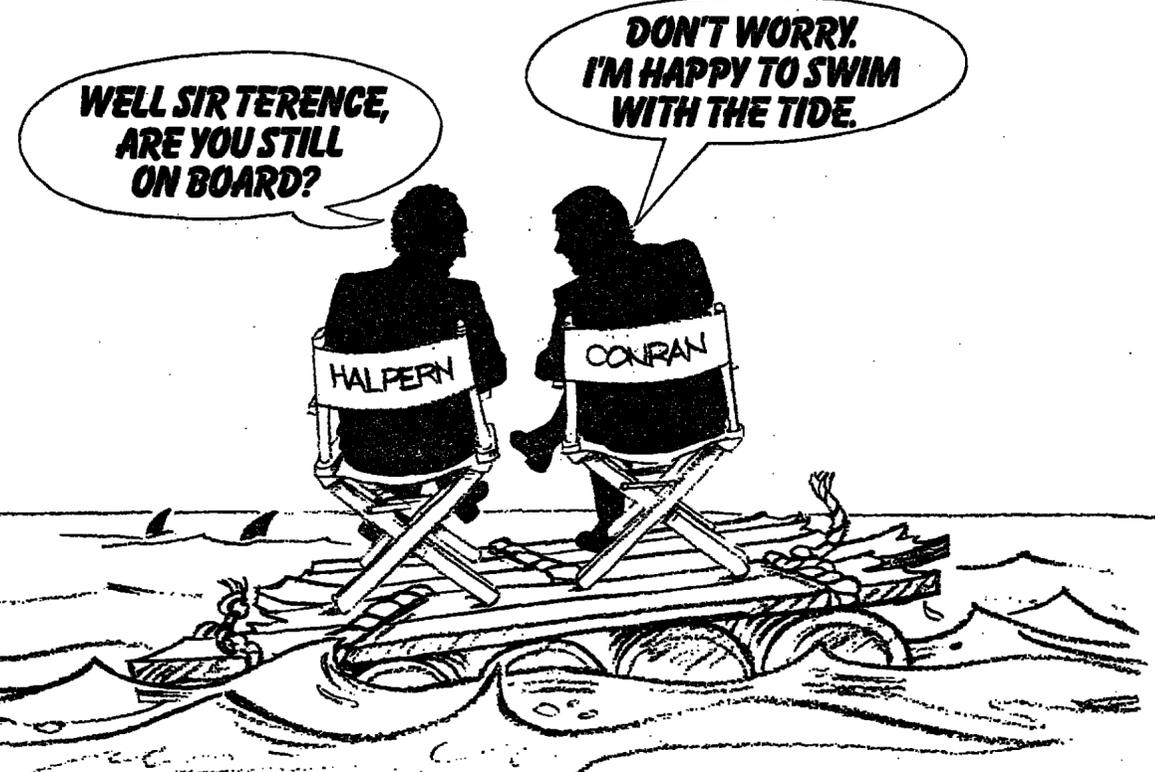
Brighter prospects for the US economy were also a welcome fillip for the Tokyo stock market. Although both foreign and domestic attention now has been concentrated very much on domestic stocks, such as real estate companies and retailers, the hopes are that any US revival will reawaken interest in the Japanese blue chip exporters.

Sun Life again featured in the short term with a 9 per cent jump recorded during the past four weeks by its new Japan Growth Fund. Montagu Japan Performance and Henderson Japan put up the best challenge with a 3.1 per cent rise.

However, Japanese invested funds are still well down the table for the year so far. Barrington Japan, managed by stockbrokers Grievson Grant, heads the representation in 212th position. Several of the Japanese smaller company and technology funds have had a very poor six months losing about 20 per cent of their money even on offer price comparisons. Mike Hockings

Table with 2 columns: Fund, £ value. Lists 20 funds including FS Balanced Growth, Simon & Coates Specials, BG America, etc.

\*Offer to other price - net income reinvested. Source: Financial Savings



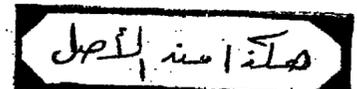
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FAMILY MONEY/2

City cool on bear market

INVESTMENT

What has happened to British equities? After one of the most sustained bull markets on the stock which, despite a number of setbacks took share indices to all-time highs, share prices have taken a severe tumble.

But while the Cassandras who have been predicting a new bear phase of falling prices have been mumbering, "I told you so", most City experts are taking a reasonably sanguine, not to say optimistic, view. Their message to bewildered investors is: "Don't panic."

No one can deny the damage done during the past few weeks, of course. Led by the electricals sector the market has dropped by nearly 10 per cent. The FT Share Index, for example, reached a peak of 644.2 on June 4 but has now fallen to below 600.

The general stock market fall has not been so catastrophic. The pound staged an impressive recovery.

"We do not feel a turning point into a bear market has been reached," said Ian Payne, the director of Chase & Vere's UK funds.

Mr Payne believes it is a reaction to a temporary situation. That situation is the sort of complex conjunction of political, economic and market conditions which often causes big stock market moves.

IT'S A COMPUTERISED FORECAST OF THE DIRECTION THE STOCK MARKET IS TAKING...



Smith

The apparently growing unpopularity of the Government revealed in recent opinion polls did help the attitude in the City which tends to feel that a Labour government would be a disaster for the British economy.

At the same time the Government's own economic policy appeared to be in trouble, or at least in doubt. Inflation and the money supply were creeping up again as oil prices continued to weaken.

The trouble with low oil prices is that it reduces the Government's revenue and since the Budget falling prices have chopped about £2.5 billion from what the Chancellor had said he expected.

The pound also staged an impressive recovery under the influence of high interest rates, climbing back over US\$1.30. A high exchange rate hits Britain's company exports. For every 10 pence to a pound, it means a 10 per cent increase in the price of exports.

investment away from existing stock and weakened the market. The result was that the corporate manufacturing sector suffered in the shake-out since it tends to be most vulnerable to exchange rates and government policy.

Though company performance will continue to improve it will do so at a much slower rate. The phase of rapid recovery after the recession has now come to an end and the great benefits enjoyed from rationalization and increased efficiency during the past two years have been absorbed.

Profit expectations for the corporate sector are being downgraded from about 15 per cent to nearer 10 per cent. The excitement and high growth generated by recovery has petered out. According to Mr Yates, even if they do not actually fall in value "equities will go nowhere".

The inevitable growth in political uncertainty as the next general election approaches will also not help the prospect for equities. "The market over the next nine months is going to be tough", said one expert. "If you get the stocks wrong these days the market is unforgiving."

Mr Yates agrees: "Previously the market bounced back from price falls because the outlook for the corporate sector was extremely favourable. That is not quite the case this time."

Richard Thomson

Co-op at the top of the league

The high interest accounts offered by Co-op Bank and Chase & Prosper/Robert Fleming are listed as "best buys" for corporate investors.

The report says: "Of the 13 institutions surveyed, two are selected as offering particularly attractive accounts. The Co-operative Bank is top in the daily interest league with 13 per cent (as at June 26) and also accepts a very low minimum deposit of £500. It also has the important advantage of being able to offer all the normal clearing bank facilities."

The report does not, however, include the very attractive Citibank Savings account - Citibank Plus - which offers a high interest rate no minimum investment and full cheque book facilities with no bank charges.

Co-op Bank, singled out by Chase & Vere as a best buy, has high charges by comparison. There is a set fee of £9 a quarter covering 18 cheques, but if more than 18 cheques are written, there is a 50p fee per £100 debit turnover.

Graham Dawson, of Chase & Vere, said: "These days a lot of attention is devoted to the needs of the private investor, but in fact the largest deposit holders are corporations and smaller businesses. It is now possible for interest to be earned on these vast sums that have previously been lying dormant in non-interest paying current accounts."

Platinum - a unique investment

Platinum is one of the rarest metals on earth and one of the most valuable. It is produced in exceptionally small quantities and the total world output is only about 80 tonnes annually, compared with about 1,200 tonnes of gold.

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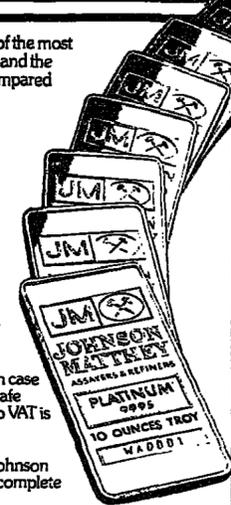
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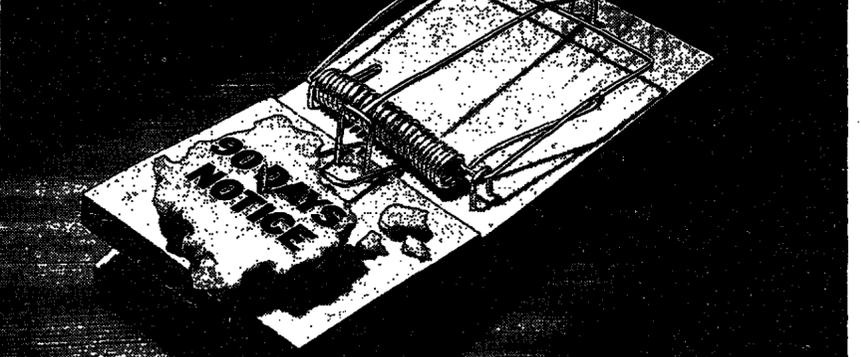


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FAMILY MONEY/4

Simpler ways with gilts

It's good news for investors in gilts - from July 2, 1986, all disposals of gilts and qualifying corporate bonds will be free of capital gains tax (CGT).

"As a result, taxpayers will no longer need to keep records on returns for CGT purposes. It will also remove the possibility that the CGT indexation provisions could be used deliberately to establish short-term CGT losses on these instruments," said the Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson announcing the changes.

Between now and July 2, 1986, gilts will not qualify for the new indexation provisions introduced in the March Budget.

The change has been made to prevent the possible abuse of the rules. With the introduction of indexation from purchase date - rather than after securities have been held for one year as was previously the case - it would have been possible to create a notional capital loss on gilts which could have been used to wipe out any potential CGT liability on equity profits.

What the canny investor could have done if the rules had not been changed was buy a gilt just before a significant increase in the retail price index was announced and sell it almost immediately to establish a notional indexed capital loss.

The price of the gilt would be unlikely to move in the short term unless there had been a move in interest rates, so there

would be no real loss on the transaction - only an indexed loss. This notional capital loss could then have been used to reduce or eliminate capital gains realized elsewhere in the portfolio.

"This is a welcome simplification and is good news," said Graham Mann of stockbrokers Greaveson Grant. "It is going to mean a slightly wider choice for higher rate taxpayers who invest in gilts."

Chris Ring at stockbrokers Scrimgeour Kemp Gee agrees. "I reckon it will simplify things a lot for private investors," pointing out that the real motive, however, was to prevent the institution - in particular the insurance companies - from abusing the system.

The major losers will be insurance firms

The abolition of CGT on all gilt holdings does not, however, mean the return of "bondwashing" - the practice which had the effect of turning highly taxed gilt income into more lowly taxed capital gains.

Bondwashing, now outlawed, was a system whereby gilts were purchased just after a dividend had been paid, and sold for a capital gain just before the next dividend was due. When the price had risen to reflect the accrued interest, for higher rate taxpayers it was far more

beneficial to pay CGT at 30 per cent on the short-term capital gains, rather than to take the dividend which would be taxed at anything up to 60 per cent.

The anti-bondwashing provisions will remain. This means that the gain which accrues between the last dividend date and the date of sale is treated as income - not capital gain. These provisions, announced by the Chancellor last March, take effect from next February and apply to anyone whose nominal holding of gilts is £5,000 or more.

The existing CGT rules apply between now and July 1986. Gilts held for more than a year are free of CGT anyway. Gilts held for less than a year can be liable if sold before July 2, 1986. But most private investors who want to dispose of gilts they have held for less than a year, before July 1986, will be able to do so within the £5,900 annual exemption from CGT.

The major losers from the abolition of CGT on gilts will be the insurance companies. They would have been able to create notional losses on gilts in life and pension portfolios, at no risk, by swapping gilt holdings between their different portfolios, using the indexation provisions to create notional losses. These losses could then have been used to mitigate capital gains on equities and property.

Lorna Bourke

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

Repayment at 3 months notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings 3rd index-linked certificates. Maximum investment £5,000, excluding holdings of other issues.

Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index. Supplement of 2.5 per cent in the first year; 2.75 per cent in the second year; 3.25 per cent in the third year; 4 per cent in the fourth year and 5.25 per cent in the fifth year. Value of Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in May 1980, £155.87 including bonus and supplement. 3rd issue index-linked certificates available from 1.7.85. May RPI 375.6.

National Savings Certificates 30th issue. Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.85 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Yearly Plan A one year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Minimum £20, Maximum £100 a month. Tax free over five years 9.28 per cent - tax free.

National Savings Deposit Bond Minimum investment £100 maximum £50,000. Interest 13.25 per cent variable at six weeks notice. Repayment at three months notice. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during first year.

Local authority yearling bonds 12 months fixed rate investments interest 12.00 per cent basic rate

tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayer), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 1 yr Credit & Commerce (underwritten by New Direction Finance) 9.25 per cent; 2 yrs Liberty Life 9.25 per cent; 3 yrs General Portfolio 9.2 per cent; 4 yrs General Portfolio, 9.45 per cent; 5 yrs: New Direction Finance, 9.4 per cent.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 yr Crewe & Nantwich 11.25 per cent, minimum investment £500; 2/3/4/5/6/7 yrs Rotherham, 11.25 per cent, minimum investment £500; 8/9/10 yrs, Worthing 11.25 per cent, minimum investment £500. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (638 6361) between 10am and 2.30pm see also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies Ordinary share accounts - 8.25 per cent. Extra interest accounts usually pay 1 to 2 per cent over the ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Foreign currency deposits Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Int. Reserves 0481 26741. Seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

Sterling 11.57 per cent  
US dollar 6.57 per cent  
Yen 5.10 per cent  
D.M. 4.37 per cent  
French Franc 9.90 per cent  
Swiss Franc 4.52 per cent



Tight times: These students make their point vividly

Students set for summertime blues

The National Union of Students is gearing up its campaign to encourage students to claim welfare benefits during the long summer vacation.

Grant-aided students are regarded as having a certain amount of their grant for rent - £20.20 per week in London and £15.30 elsewhere. But if their actual rent exceeds this sum they can claim housing benefit.

For instance, a London student paying £25 a week in rent, including £2 for gas and electricity, would be eligible for housing benefit of £2.80 (£23.20 - £20.40) during term time. Payment for gas and electricity is divided first.

However, during the summer students are regarded as having no income at all. Therefore, they can claim supplementary benefit which brings with it certificated housing benefit covering 100 per cent of rent and rates or help with mortgage payments direct from the DHSS.

A reduced holiday rent can qualify for benefit

If they are not eligible for supplementary benefit they can still get standard housing benefit, which is calculated from a formula balancing needs and resources and starts from a basic allowance of 54 per cent of the cost of rent and rates.

If a student pays a reduced rent during the summer vacation, this can qualify for standard housing benefit but a retainer paid to secure the right to move back at the beginning of next term will not qualify for benefit.

Students have to occupy their accommodation for at least two weeks before going away to establish their occupation, says the union.

"Students who are taking new accommodation at the end of the summer term in readiness for the new academic year risk being challenged on their right to benefit if they do not establish their occupation of the accommodation before going away," says the union's research officer, Christopher Hall.

Students with a National Insurance contribution record will be able to claim unemployment benefit during periods when they are available for work. Unemployment benefit is counted as income for tax purposes and also for the means test for a student grant.

Vivien Goldsmith

Table with 2 columns: SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT RATES and amounts in pounds. Includes categories like Living at home (Age 16-17: £17.30), Single householder (28.05 plus rent), and UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (28.45).

Advertisement for North Wills Ridgeway Building Society. Features '3 Months Notice Shares' with a net rate of 10.80% and a gross rate of 15.43%. Also mentions 'SPA BOND' with a net interest rate of 11.00% to 15.71%.

Advertisement for Beardsley Theobalds Financial Ltd. Promotes a '106%' unit allocation contact. Address: 164 Southchurch Drive, Clifton, Nottingham. Tel: Nottingham 214542.

Advertisement for 'Successful Investment Starts Here...'. Promotes the 'Allied Hambro Investment Guide 1985-86'. Includes the Longman logo.

Large advertisement for The Action Bank. Features the headline 'How money makes money.' and 'THE ACTION BANK'. Includes details about an investment account offering 9.5% interest on £2,000 or more. The NatWest logo is at the bottom.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

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UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS table. Columns include fund name, manager, and performance metrics.

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Tennis: Curren disposes of second former champion to reach his first Wimbledon final

Connors is swept away by a thunderstorm of aces

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent



Flat footed: Connors out of ideas and the running

The violent storm that hit Wimbledon at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon must have seemed a relief to Jimmy Connors...

The result meant that in consecutive matches Curren has beaten the past two champions, John McEnroe and Connors, at a total cost of only 13 games.

The remorseless bludgeoning he took from Curren's service put Connors under much mental stress...

The match began an hour and a half late. After the storm, the afternoon was still grey and muggy...

His shoulders suggest that he may have trouble with doorways. The rest of him is lean and supple.

More typical of the match was the moment when Connors reeled backwards as if from a punch when Curren served straight at him.

In the men's doubles, Peter McNamara had to go to work on his birthday. Well, most of it was a day on which Wimbledon itself came in for all the sympathy.



On his toes: Curren striding into final (Photographs: Ian Stewart)

That's why the lady is a champ



Simon Barnes

By one of those Koestlerian coincidences, the day the Sports Council's magazine Sports and Leisure crash-landed their special all-women onto my doormat was a day when women's events dominated the newspapers...

the public, the media and even their own families, and have had to contend with tensions between their roles as females and athletes.

Perry long trousers on the court long a year or so back. Body stockings or no body stockings, it remains true that the very existence of such things as the Women's Sports Foundation...

trying to come over as glamorous," said Judy Simpson, the bearded healthpather, "but if you look good, and feel good, and if you feel good, you perform better."

Lloyd has power to reverse the tide



By Rex Bellamy

Martina Navratilova has beaten Mrs. Lynn Lloyd in four of their Wimbledon singles finals and remains - at her best, that is - the superior grass-court player.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY

Men's singles: Holder: J P McEnroe (US) Semi-final: P CURREN (US) vs J CONNORS (US) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Women's doubles: Holders: M Navratilova and P H Shriver (US) Semi-final: M NAVRATILOVA and P H SHRIVER (US) vs M MANDLIKOVA and W M TURNBULL (AUS) 6-4, 6-2.

Virgin group comes to Phillips's rescue

Trying to predict the winner of the sixth Round Britain and Ireland race, sponsored this year by the City of Plymouth, is proving to be as difficult as ever.

England axe Greenwood to clear way for Green

England will go into the new season with a new coach and chairman of selectors. When they begin, their preparations they look ahead to the 1987 World Cup.

Cobner loses place on selection panel

Terry Cobner, the former British Lions flanker, has lost his place on the Welsh selection panel.

More lines from another letter to myself

P. J. Kavanagh wrote in the Spectator that doing a column resembles writing a letter to yourself.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with columns for CRICKET, BASKETBALL, GOLF, BASEBALL, and POLO, listing various sports events and results.

ATHLETICS Poignancy in javelin competition

Tessa Sanderson and Faima Whitbread will renew the more agreeable side to their rivalry when they compete against the world recorder holder in the javelin, Petra Felke.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS FROM HELSINKI

Table listing athletic results from Helsinki, including 400m hurdles, 800m, 1500m, 2000m, 3000m, 4000m, 5000m, 6000m, 7000m, 8000m, 9000m, 10000m, 15000m, 20000m, 30000m, 40000m, 50000m, 60000m, 70000m, 80000m, 90000m, 100000m.

SCHOOLS CRICKET Harrow firm favourites

Eton have won their annual match with Harrow 49 times but the latter start favourites at Lord's today in their 150th contest.

EVENING RACING

Table listing evening racing results, including Beverley, Doncaster, and other tracks.

GOLF Ballesteros finds a challenger in Mason

From Mitchell Platts Paris

Severiano Ballesteros retained the lead at the halfway stage of the Peugeot French Open with a second round of 68 on the St Germain course yesterday.

Jacklin's European Ryder Cup team for the match against the United States in September is beginning to take shape.

Robert Lee, who enjoyed his best finish as a professional when he was fourth at Monte Carlo last Sunday, compiled his second successive 60 to ease into third place.

POWERBOATING A Spalding formula for success

Bob Spalding, of Ipswich, is confident he can retain his position at the top of the world formula one grand prix table when he competes against fierce American opposition in Sacramento tomorrow.

More lines from another letter to myself

But the frustration of trying to find a public telephone that works can be as nothing compared with the frustration of trying to dictate the Queen's English - I should say my English, which is at least as good as the Queen's - to the office.

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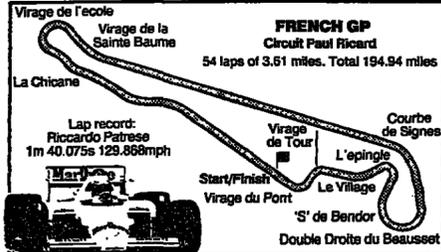
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MOTOR RACING

Senna gets to grips with Paul Ricard circuit despite a strained wrist

From John Blunsden, Le Castellet

Ayrton Senna, whose brilliant car control has already earned him four pole positions this season, looks like putting his Renault-powered JPS Lotus at the front of the grid for the French Grand Prix tomorrow. Nursing a sprained wrist, a legacy of his accident in the Detroit Grand Prix two weeks ago, the Brazilian was timed around the 3.6-mile Paul Ricard circuit at a fraction under 140mph, and aided by a strong tail wind, was reaching well over 200mph down the 1.2-mile Mistral straight.



FRENCH GP Circuit Paul Ricard 54 laps of 3.61 miles. Total 194.94 miles. Lap record: Riccardo Patrese 1m 40.075s 129.868mph.

CRICKET

Cambridge fightback washed out

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Oxford drew with Cambridge. A thunderstorm soon after two o'clock washed out the University match yesterday, though by then a draw was looking ever more likely. Cambridge, 130 behind on the first innings, were 140 for three in their second, with a batsman well set at each end.

Tim Glover talks to Giles Toogood

Dark Blue's record double

Apart from anything else his name is a headline writer's dream. "We had a competition predicting what the papers would say," confessed Giles Toogood. He gave them the perfect opportunity to flex their imaginations at a spectacular all-round display in the University match at Lord's.



A player for the occasion: Toogood at Lord's yesterday (Photograph Suresh Karadia)

West Indians pondering a rebel tour

Fletcher delays decision to face Australians

Bridgetown (Reuters) - A rebel West Indian side may tour South Africa later this year. The Barbados cricketer, Collins King, has said King said that negotiations were under way for a three-sided tournament involving South Africa, Australia and the West Indies.

ROWING: HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA



Tideway Scullers School cox keeps his head above water as the four go down (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Pesky British scare Norwegians

By Jim Railton

Ormsund Rokklub Norway, who just missed the record in the Ladies' Challenge Plate on Thursday by four seconds, were given a run for their money yesterday. They met Nautilus Lightweights of Great Britain, who conceded almost an average of two stones.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS AT HENLEY

- Weyfold Cup: Molesey BC 'A' in Staines BC, easily 7.30. Spring Amateur B in St Thomas RC 2, 7.31.
Double Sculls: B Elmer and L House (Rowing Club) and DGH in A C Rudkin and A Whitt (Northampton RC) and backwater, 4.7, 1.25.
Princess Elizabeth Cup: St Andrew's SC (US) by St Vincent's Boat Club 2, 4.58.

FOOTBALL

Sunderland confident of luring McMenemy

Sunderland will announce on Monday whether Lawrence McMenemy has agreed to take over as manager from Len Ashurst, who was sacked six weeks ago.

McGuigan honoured as best boxer in June

BOXING: The World Boxing Association named Barry McGuigan boxer of the month for June. McGuigan won the WBA junior featherweight title on June 8 by unanimous decision in a 15-round bout against Eusebio Pedroza in London.

SWIMMING

Scots prepared for battle

Scotland have sent a strong team to Helsinki this weekend and are favourites to retain the eight-nations trophy which they won in Cardiff last year.

JUDO

Doyle fit to defend title

Loretta Doyle, Britain's former world featherweight judo champion, fights for the first time on home territory this weekend since having her shoulder dislocated by a fall from a horse in March.

SHOOTING

World title tops Bisley bill

The Queen's prize for the best shot in the Commonwealth Commonwealth Cup is the centrepiece of the Bisley shooting festival which opens on Monday at Saturday and will be followed by the National Rifle Association meeting, the Commonwealth's prime competition.

CYCLING

Wijnants rocks and rolls to victory

From John Wilcockson, Nancy

The Tour de France is as much about commercial as sporting success, a fact which led to Ludwig Wijnants, a 29-year-old Belgian, winning yesterday's eventful stage of the race. One of Wijnants's main sponsors is the promoter of the rock festival at Turhout and Werdener, one of which takes place this weekend. A stage win in the Tour de France would clearly provide great publicity.

There are 18 teams in this year's Tour, some of which are concentrating on guiding favourites like Bernard Hinault and Phil Anderson to overall success, while others like those of Wijnants are seeking lesser prizes. Yesterday's stage provided the smallest teams with their last chance of winning before the majority of the tour begins today with a 75-kilometre (46-mile) time trial.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

- CRICKET: TOUR MATCHES: Essex v Australia CHELMSFORD: Essex v Australia.
TENNIS: AC England Championships (Wimbledon).
ATHLETICS: Great Britain v West Germany.
OTHER SPORT: CROQUET: Woking Tournament.
HOCKEY: Woking Tournament.
RUGBY: Woking Tournament.

Stag

By Mandarin (Michael Phillip) Stag... An advertisement for Stag whisky, featuring a stag and text describing the product.

SANDOW

Advertisement for Sandow, a fitness or health product, with text and a small image.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP

A list of names and numbers for an anniversary handicap, likely a horse racing event.

RACING: FRENCHMAN LEQUEUX LOOKS ABLE DEPUTY ON ECLIPSE FAVOURITE

Stage set for Rainbow Quest

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Any disappointments felt because the turn out for today's Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown is the smallest for 15 years is surely offset by the quality of the field...



Rainbow Quest, who has only four opponents in Sandown's Eclipse Stakes

I am convinced that Rainbow Quest is the best horse in the field. What is more he will relish the ground following yesterday's schooling...

With Henry Cecil's two-year olds firing on all cylinders it is either a brave or a foolish person who opposes Ghika in the EBS Maiden Stakes...

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SANDOWN PARK (Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.55) DRAW: High numbers best over 5f. 1.45 KINGSTON TWO YRS OLD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2,691: 5f) (1 runners)

2.55 CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES (Group 1: £110,880: 1m 20f) (5) 301 424-340 AUGUST (F) (A) Royal Ascot (F) (A) 4-8-77 S Raymond 1

Sandown selections By Mandarin 1.45 Dancing Diva, 2.15 Moss Empire, 2.55 RAINBOW QUEST (nap), 3.30 Torvada, 4.5 Rikki Tav, 4.35 Milk Heart.

4.05 COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP (E8,066: 2m) (6) 401 000-2000 PETRIZZO (G) (E) (A) 4-11-81 S Causton 5

HAYDOCK PARK (Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30) Going: firm (good to firm in straight) Draw advantage: 6f-1m, low numbers best.

2.30 OLD NEWTON CUP (Handicap: £15,365: 1m 4f) (10) 1 1290-4 FOREST OF DEAN (F) (H) (A) 1-11-80 G Duffield 7

Haydock selections By Mandarin 1.30 Absent Lover, 2.0 Shadywood, 2.30 Pike's Peak, 3.5 Mihaarb, 3.35 Akaleel, 4.5 Bullrush.

3.5 COCK OF THE NORTH STAKES (2-y-o: £8,810: 6f) (8) 1 114 LOCHONICA (M) (A) (A) 4-11-80 W Carson 7

Piggott's end of season farewell

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggott confirmed at Sandown yesterday that his legendary career in the saddle would end at the close of the current season...

Piggott has ridden a total of 20 classic winners and passed Frank Buckle's previous record total of 27 when heating Steve Causton...

Blinkered first time

3.30 B F PADDOCK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o C & G: £3,088: 7f) (7) 401 AUTUMN FLUTTER (C) (K) (A) 9-11-80 S Raymond 3

Piggott, who takes up training next year

Brent Thomson, the 27-year-old Australian jockey, paid a tribute to Piggott after winning the Incheup Stakes...

Pacemaker ploy should aid Teleprompter

Teleprompter, trained in Yorkshire by Bill Watts, is fancied to win today's Pacemaker International Stakes at Phoenix Park...

Nottingham selections

6.45 JIM GOLD SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £544: 1m 2f) (9) 3 0000 PLEASANT WAYS (A) (A) 9-7-81 G Guest 3

BATH

2.0 OAKHILL SELLING STAKES (Div I: £845: 1m) (11 runners) 3 00-24 CROWFOOT'S COURE (B) (A) 11-1-81 J Curran 3

Bath selections

2.50 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £231: 1m 2f) (13) 3 0000 COURAGEOUS CHARGER (G) (A) 9-7-81 P Moss 4

BEVERLEY

2.15 LAIR GATE SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £936: 7f) (12 runners) 1 0031 WELSHYOUWEDNESDAY (G) (M) 9-2-81 P P East 10

Beverley selections

2.45 NORTH BAR WITHIN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,068: 5f) (8) 1 0029 CONCIDENTAL (C) (M) 1-8-81 G Duffield 7

NOTTINGHAM

6.45 JIM GOLD SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £544: 1m 2f) (9) 3 0000 PLEASANT WAYS (A) (A) 9-7-81 G Guest 3

5.15 KELDGATE HANDICAP (£1,373: 2m) (10)

1 0000 CHLITTEMAN (M) (A) 1-11-81 M Rimmer 2

8.55 CUMPUTA GUARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £684: 5f) (14)

2 0000 BRILANS BAZAAR (D) (N) 9-0-80 J Johnson 8

TYOSE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,932: 5f) (7)

4 00 NIORO R Johnson Houghton 8-11-81 J R Fox 7

4.0 SOUTHMEAD STAKES (3-y-o: £2,244: 1m 3f) (10)

8 2344 DOO BAYSH P Cole 5-11-81 G Bailer 4

4.30 OAKHILL SELLING STAKES (Div II: £845: 1m 2f) (10)

2 0420 SPIR'S RIGHT (B) (M) 8-11-81 J R Fox 8

5.30 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,515: 1m 5f) (12)

2 2143 SWAZI (A) (M) 1-11-81 P P East 10

3.45 SWANLAND HANDICAP (£1,318: 1m 4f) (11)

1 20-20 BUCKLOW HILL (C) (J) 11-11-81 G Duffield 7

4.15 EAST RIDING YEOMANRY CHALLENGE TROPHY (Amateurs: £972: 1m 4f) (5)

3 1122 NOLDSIDE (A) (A) 1-11-81 J Thomas Jones 3

4.45 WOOD LAKE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,272: 5f) (12)

0 02-02 EASY DAY (D) (A) 9-0-81 A Macleay 8

7.55 D SISTAKES (3-y-o: £1,360: 6f) (5)

2 1 BLUE ARRANGEMENT (C) (B) 1-11-81 P Robinson 5

8.55 CUMPUTA GUARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £684: 5f) (14)

2 0000 BRILANS BAZAAR (D) (N) 9-0-80 J Johnson 8

Course specialists SANDOWN PARK





Dolphin imports may be banned

By Robert Morris
The Government is to commission a review of dolphinarium and marine parks...

Storm hits Wimbleton and Connors

By Robert Morris
One thunderstorm followed another at Wimbleton yesterday. The heavens opened just as play was due to begin...



Spectators shelter under umbrellas on the Centre Court while the Princess of Wales waits for play to begin with King Constantine of the Hellenes and Miss Carolyn Herbert (Photographs: Ian Stewart).



Mugabe's party set for big poll win

Continued from page 1
result, Zanu's deputy secretary-general, Mr. Welschman Mabheza, won 25,875 votes, while his Zanu (PF) opponent got 760 and the UANC candidate 366.

Where in-jokes are happily at home

Letter from Church House
If ever there was a place for the in-joke the General Synod of the Church of England is it. Synod members do not abuse each other as politicians do, and humour supplies a way of drawing attention to foibles and weaknesses that would otherwise be deemed unmentionable.

Pit strike helps to cut surplus on insurance

The National Insurance Fund surplus is expected to fall to £85 million, little more than one tenth of the surplus forecast for this year in an official report published last November.

An explosion of general mirth

His powers extended to the Province of York, he went on. The in-laugher grew louder - the Archbishop of York is supposed to be jealous of his territorial prerogatives, and not for nothing is he called Primate of England.

Most natural thing in the world

For "legat" therefore, read "papal legat". Dr Runcie as a papal legat, with authority in the Church of England from the Sec of Rome, is not an idea Father Brindley would find outrageous. He made it sound the most natural thing in the world.

Solution of Puzzle No 16,776



Solution of Puzzle No 16,781



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,782

Price of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first time to winners of the crossword puzzle...

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ACROSS
1 Pack round with tar (4-4).
2 Taxi hired to go round Brazilian city with the top down (9).

DOWN
1 Starfish (16).
2 Taxi hired to go round Brazilian city with the top down (9).

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events: Royal engagements, In the garden, Gardens open, Anniversaries, The pound, Pollen count, Roads, Weather, Lighting-up time, Highest and lowest, Portfolios.

Weather

High tides, Around Britain, Abroad, London, Highest and lowest. Includes a weather map and various data tables for different regions.

Vertical sidebar containing various advertisements and notices, including 'Tomorrow', 'Freud on trial', 'ITV seeking approval', 'Mugabe's goal', 'Opec accord', 'Vietnam offer', 'Gandhi attack', 'Picquet prevail', 'Britons beaten', 'Law Report', 'Religion', 'Science', 'TV & Radio', 'Theatre', 'Weather'.